S.No.	States/UTs	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
25.	Tripura	18.23	21.24	22.70
26.	Uttar Pradesh	402.54	644.91	422.85
27.	Uttaranchal	25.83	92.76	64.16
28.	West Bengal	0.00	19.12	29.10
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1.06	2.51	0.55
30.	Chandigarh	0.47	1.02	3.98
31.	Daman & Diu	0.04	0.03	0.03
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.15	0.20	0.19
33.	Lakshadweep	0.12	0.14	0.05
34.	Pondicherry	5.37	4.74	-0.57
35.	Sikkim	0.48	0.25	0.89
	TOTAL :	2010.20	2715.43	2082.12

*Approximately fifty per cent of the units established are estimated to be in rural areas.

Financial assistance to artisans and weavers

†1820. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to provide financial assistance to artisans and weavers under self-employment credit card scheme;

(b) if so, the number of weavers and artisans benefited, so far, all over the country, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government are considering to benefit the weavers working in non-cooperative sector under Deendayal Handloom Promotion Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) does not implement any self-employment credit card scheme to provide financial assistance to artisans and weavers in the khadi and village industries (KVI) sector.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal for consideration of the Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries).

Promotion of agro-based rural industries

†1821. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy of Government to promote agro-based rural industries;

(b) whether Government pomotes establishment of such specific agro products based rural industries in areas which are in abundance of such produce;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would contemplate on this fact that when in a particular season excessive vegetables are grown and the farmers have no option except to destroy these vegetables, whether Government would process such vegetables so that farmers could reap its benefits?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) In line with the policy of the Government to generate employment opportunities by promoting mainly rural industries like khadi, village and coir industries, the following programmes and schemes are implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries ommission and the Coir Board:

I. Village Industries

(i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

(ii) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) (also implemented in Urban areas).

II. Khadi

(i) Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme.

(ii) Rebate Scheme for providing rebate on sales of khadi.

(iii) Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme (for both khadi and village industries).

(iv) Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC) Scheme (for both khadi and village industries).

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